

Geriatric & Extended Care Non-Institutional Care Program

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Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)			
This program provides primary healthcare delivered by an interdisciplinary team of VA staff to homebound veterans. Services may include medical care, nursing care and education, rehabilitation, nutritional counseling, skilled nursing care, spiritual counseling and social work.	Donna Pape, Nurse Practitioner Michael Culkin, Social Worker Rose Anne Wincek, Dietitian Jack Wolcott, Rehabilitation Therapist	4919 7741 7817 4804	302 204 348
Skilled Home Care	Ruth Pettinger, R.N.	7432	241
VA authorizes payment for medically necessary, skilled home care services for veterans as a continuum of care. Nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and social work are examples of skilled home care. This care is provided by Medicare-Certified home health agencies and coordinated by VA Community Health Nurse.			
Nursing Home Care - Who Qualifies?	Ruth Pettinger, R.N.	7432	241
1. Any veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at 70% or more qualifies for this benefit.			
2. Any veteran whose service-connected disability is clinically determined to require nursing home care.			
3. Other veterans are considered if space and resources are available.			

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Homemaker Home Health Aide (HHA)	Michael Culkin, Social Worker Ruth Pettinger, R.N.	7741 7432	204 241
Homecare services are purchased for eligible veterans. This service is considered when veterans need assistance with activities of daily living. This service may include shopping, meal preparation and light housekeeping, thus enabling the veteran to remain at home resulting in a higher quality of life.			
Adult Day Health Care	Michael Culkin, Social Worker	7741	204
A therapeutic day care program which provides medical and rehabilitation services to disable veterans in a group setting. To be eligible for this benefit, veterans need to be enrolled in VA for their healthcare and meet clinical admission criteria.			
Respite Care	Michael Culkin, Social Worker David Ulkoski, Social Worker Ruth Pettinger, R.N.	7741 7056 7432	204 445 241
Respite Care provides supportive care to veterans on a short-term basis to give the caregiver a planned period of relief from the physical and emotional demands associated with providing care. This service is provided in the nursing home or can be provided at home.			

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Palliative Care			
Offers pain management, and other support services to terminally ill veterans as well as bereavement counseling to families. This service is provided in the nursing home as well as in the home setting.	John Shalanski, Social Worker Karen Lenchitsky, Social Worker Carl Pekol, R.N. John Shonk, M.D. Leo Potera, M.D. Rev. Mark Harper Father Joseph Martin	7756 7935 7774 7753 7755 7300 7300	446 137 134 404 215
Home Hospice	Michael Culkin, Social Worker Ruth Pettinger, R.N. David Ulkoski, Social Worker	7741 7432 7056	204 445 241
Provides care and support to terminally ill veterans wishing to remain in their home until end of life.			
Home Infusion	Ruth Pettinger, R.N.	7432	241
If eligible, the veteran may receive needed IV therapy at home rather than be hospitalized, for this service.			
Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)	Alan Kurlansky, Social Worker Ruth Pettinger, R.N.	7445 7432	449 241
This program supports our veterans dealing with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI). The Care Coordinators are specialized to work with this population and their needs.	Dr. John J. Shonk, Jr.	7753	408-9024